of 70 candidates were found included in both the lists, making the total number of candidates as 152. The second requisition to the Employment was necessitated so as to broad-base the selection since out of the first list only 79 per cent furnished their bio-data and most of the candidates did not fulfil the prescribed conditions of experience etc.

(c) and (d) Out of 152 candidates, 57 SC/ST candidates who were found eligible were called for interview. Since the panel for selection has already been declared and only those sponsored candidates who did not fulfil the requisite experience and also did not furnish the bio-data were not called for interview, the question of giving them another opportunity does not arise.

(e) According to DESU, the requisite information is as follows:

Position as on	No. of Vacancies	
	SC	ST
31-12-1990 . .	10	6
31-03-1991 . .	17	7

Prices of Diesel and Kerosene

1025. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out the scheme to roll back prices of diesel, kerosene to July 1990 level; if so, details thereof; and

(b) what were the prices of these commodities in July, 1990 and their current prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS: (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The basic ceiling selling price ex-storage point of kerosene for other than industrial use has been reduced by 10 per cent with effect from 25th July, 1991.

(b) The ex-storage point prices of diesel and kerosene in July, 1990 and at present are as follows:

	In July 1990	Rs./KL at present
Diesel . .	3633.53	4541.91
Kerosene* .	1956.93	2201.54

*(Non-industrial use)

Private Sector Participation in the field of Oil and Gas Exploration

1026. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to throw open proven oil and gas fields to foreign firms for development;

(b) if so, reasons and terms and conditions therefor; and

(c) what will be the immediate benefits as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) No Sir, except for the inclusion of one block where a small oilfield has been found in the Fourth Round of Bidding.

LP Gas connection on the recommendation of M.Ps.

1027. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether L.P. gas connection

have been sanctioned to all those whose names were recommended by Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) during January to March 91; and

(b) if not, what steps are being taken in the matter so that the recommendations given by M.P. may be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The pending cases are being looked into.

Representation of employees of Indian Airlines

1028. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines authorities have received any representation on 3rd June, 1991 signed by more than 100 employees;

(b) *if so, the details thereof*; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Administrative offices of Indian Airlines were declared close on 20-5-91, 22-5-91 and 24-5-91 on account of Lok Sabha Elections, the demise of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and his funeral respectively. However, the Reservation Office of Indian Airlines which is essential for the operations of air services was not closed on these days. The employees of the Reservation Office have demanded that they should be given 'days off' in lieu and a similar practice should be followed in future.

(c) It is not possible to acced to the demand of the employees in this matter?

भारत कोकिंग कोल लि० के अध्यक्ष-एवं प्रबंध निदेशक के विरुद्ध शिकायत

1029. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह**: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत कोकिंग कोल लि० के अध्यक्ष एवं-प्रबंध निदेशक श्री माथुर धनबाद में अपनी तैनाती से पूर्व कई घोटालों में शामिल रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उनके कई संबंधियों को भी नियमों और मानदंडों का उल्लंघन करके नियुक्त किया गया था और उन्होंने कई कोयला डीलरों को भी नाजायज लाभ पहुंचाया है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इसकी केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से जांच कराएगी ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस.बी. नयमेगौड़ा) :(क) कोयला मंत्रालय को इस बात की जानकारी नहीं है कि श्री माथुर धनबाद में तैनात किए जाने से पूर्व किसी प्रकार के घोटाले में शामिल थे ।

(ख) इस प्रकार की ऐसी कोई घटना कोयला मंत्रालय के नोटिस में नहीं लाई गई है ।

(ग) यदि सरकार के नोटिस में कोई विशिष्ट अनियमिताएं लाई गई तो नियमों के अंतर्गत उपयुक्त कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

1030. [*Transferred to 1st August 1991.*]

Royalty on coal to Assam

1031. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distributing point of coal from Assam has been located in West Bengal;